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TEIPSUM ! [^s

These are the Windows, through the which She
views The Light of Knowledge, which is
Life's Load-star ! And yet whiles She, these
spectacles doth use, **Oft**, worldly things
seem greater than they are !

First, the two Eyes, which have the
Seeing Power, Stand as one
Watchman, Spy, or Sentinel,
Sight. Being placed aloft within the head's
high Tower, And though both see, yet both
but one thing tell!

These Mirrors take into their little space,
The Forms of moon, and sun, and
every star; Of every body, and of
every place,
Which, with the world's wide arms,
embraced are*

Yet their best object, and their noblest use,
Hereafter in another world will be 1 When
GOD in them, shall heavenly light infuse,
That face to face, they may their Maker
see!

Here are they guides, which do the Body lead,
Which else would stumble in eternal night!
Here in this world, they do much knowledge
read, And are the Casements, which admit
most light!

They are her farthest-reaching instrument ;
Yet they no beams unto their
objects send ! But all the rays are
from their objects sent; And in the
Eyes, with pointed angles end!

If th'objects be far off, the rays do meet
In a sharp point, and so things seem but
small;
If they be near, their rays do spread and
fleet,
And make broad points, that things seem
great withal

Lastly. Nine things to Sight required are.
The Power to see ! the Light! the Visible
thing! Being not too small! too thin ! too
nigh ! too far ! Clear space ! and Time, the
Form distinct to bring.